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First Named Inventor	Kunihiro Miichi
Art Unit	2623
Examiner Name	K. Siangchin
Attorney Docket Number	O3020.0279/P279

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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
50	25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200	100
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Multiple dependent claims

360	180
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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
16	- 20 =	x	=

Multiple Dependent Claims	
Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
4	- 4 =	x	=

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1253 Extension for response within third month

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In re Patent Application of:
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For: AN IMAGE COMPARISON APPARATUS
AND METHOD FOR CHECKING AN
IMAGE OF AN OBJECT AGAINST A
STORED REGISTRATION IMAGE (AS
AMENDED)

Examiner: K. Siangchin

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2004 (Paper No. 7),
please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins
on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 9 of this paper.